

Baking Powder

ENTIRELY PURE

In Pleasantdale, Dec. 18, Mrs. Helen F. wife of Storer G. Smith, aged 40 years; Dec. 21, Edith G., daughter of Rev. F. W. and C. F. Smith, aged 16 years, 3 months.

In Peru, Dec. 12, Lorenzo DeLano, aged 65 years.

In Pittsfield, Dec. 10, Mrs. May, wife of L. C. Miller, aged 20 years, 8 months; Dec. 13, Mrs. Deborah M., wife of Henry Jenkins, aged 59 years, 8 months.

In Somerville, Dec. 12, Ursula S., wife of Capt. William P. York, formerly of Salmouth, aged 71 years, 3 months.

In Scituate, Dec. 21, Adelbert Ernest, son of G. S. Morse, aged 15 years, 5 months.

In Saugus, Dec. 24, Mrs. Ruth L. Milliken, aged 70 years, 10 months.

In Salem, Mass., Dec. 29, Asa Clapp Dix, aged 83 years, 1 month, a native of Portland, Maine.

In Somerville, Mass., Dec. 8, Norrie Keene, formerly of Palmer, Mo., aged 72 years.

In Springfield, Dec. 18, Aurelia P. Reynolds, widow of the late Stephen B. Reynolds, aged 88 years, 7 months.

In Springfield, Dec. 21, John F. Robbins, aged 70 years, 1 month.

In Surry, Dec. 16, Fred E. Torrey, aged 33 years, 2 months.

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In Woolwich, Dec. 22, William Crawford, aged 72 years; Dec. 18, Robert M. Harper, aged 71 years, 3 months.

ACCIDENTS.

A painful accident happened last week to young Carl Bartlett, son of Mr. J. S. Bartlett, at Fall's Eye bridge near Bangor.

While riding his bicycle, S. F. Farra's factor, on his right hand came in contact with a revolving cog wheel which crushed the third finger, making it necessary to amputate the same. It is expected there will be a good hand saved from what might have been a much worse accident.

Augustus Hiscock of North Newcastle met with a painful accident, Thursday, while assisting E. G. Baker to train an unbroken colt.

The animal sprang forward, striking Hiscock near the heart with the hock.

Daniel Harris, aged 40, of Pownal, was run over Wednesday evening, by a Grand Trunk train near Danville Junction. He was taken to the Central Maine General Hospital in Lewiston, and died shortly afterwards.

Friday morning Mr. Jeremiah Reddy accidentally fell over the embankment on Salem street, Portland, and dropped a distance of some thirty feet. He was picked up severely and taken in the ambulance to the Maine General hospital. There it was found that his back was badly hurt and that several ribs were fractured. He is a man about fifty years of age and has a family.

Herbert Stratton of Ellsworth Falls, narrowly escaped drowning Friday by skating through a hole in the ice. He was rescued by two young ladies.

An Indian named Frank Mews, belonging at Whitman, Mass., was brought to Bangor, Friday evening on the Bangor & Aroostook train, with a broken right leg, and was taken to the hospital. He was supported by two Indians. His leg was broken by a log rolling upon it while he was at work at John Ross lumber camp, and it had been fractured five days.

He is about 35 years old.

FIRES IN MAINE.

Charles Moody's farm buildings at Cornville were burned, Sunday night, with the contents except the live stock. The family had just time to escape from the burning house. Loss \$2000; no insurance.

William H. Gardner's house on Chamberlain street, Brewer, was damaged \$1500 by fire, Friday; partially covered by insurance.

C. P. Allen's house on Dyer street, Presque Isle, occupied by Bernard Klein, was damaged \$300 by fire, Friday.

The depot and freight house at Eaton were burned, Saturday night. The fire caught in the attic, and Agent Brown and family had a very narrow escape. Nothing was saved. The post office is in the depot and the records, etc., were all burned. There was no insurance on the contents, and the loss to Brown is about \$1000. The buildings were insured.

A slight blaze started in the newly erected brick house of the Jay Paper Company, at Jay, Wednesday evening. It was extinguished after burning through the roof. Slight damage was done.

The farm buildings of Charles Emerson at Goodwin's Mills were burned last week. The loss is \$1,000, with no insurance. It started from an overheated stove.

The Masonic hall building in Cutler was burned Thursday evening, with its contents. It was owned by the town of Cutler and Lookout Lodge, F. & A. M., and was occupied as a Masonic hall and school house. Loss, \$2500; insurance, \$1400.

MAINE RELIGIOUS NEWS.

The prayer meetings at Jefferson continue with interest; there are about fifteen converts.

The Baptist society of Friendship has ordered a 1400 pound bell as an addition to its recently built church, and the belfry is being prepared to receive it.

Work on the new church at Ellsworth Falls is being pushed rapidly. The outside is nearly completed, and the interior being plastered.

The 100th anniversary of the organization of the Congregational church in Boffst was celebrated, Tuesday afternoon, with an address by the pastor, Rev. George S. Mills, and reminiscences by Augustus Perry, the oldest member. Other addresses and letters were made and received from absent friends. In the evening an historical address was made by Rev. W. E. Wild of Bangor, author of Belfast, and long connected with the church. The exercises were deeply interesting.

R. C. Andrews has been engaged for another year as pastor of the Universalist church in Old Town.

NEW YORK STOCK AND MONEY MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.

New 4's reg., 110⁵/₈
New 4's coup., 109⁵/₈
Central Pacific 1sts, 109⁵/₈
D. & R. G. 1sts, 64⁴/₈
Kansas Pacific Consols, 66⁵/₈
Oregon Nat. Lts., 112⁵/₈
Union Pacific 1sts of 1890, 102⁵/₈
Northern Pacific cons 5s, 23⁵/₈

It is claimed an anti-toxin has been found that will render one exempt from typhus germs. The discovery is made by two German bacteriologists, Prof. R. Pfeiffer and Dr. W. Kellar of Berlin. These scientists believe that their discovery will be the means of savingnum-berless lives. It is hoped that this may be true.

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Maine Farmer.

The new Vermont Horticultural Society proposes to hold two meetings yearly, one in winter and one in summer.

The Iowa crop bureau announces that out of a total supply of 6,000,000 hogs in that State the past year, full 2,000,000 have been lost from hog cholera.

How C. M. Winslow of Vermont lays it down that early cut hay is the best and most profitable dairy feed. Many a Vermont dairymen has proved the truth of the claim.

Hon. N. J. Bachelder, Secretary N. H. Board of Agriculture, says that the suppression of tuberculosis depends more upon sanitary conditions than the killing of cattle.

That grand old Jersey bull, Pedro 3187 died a short time since at the stable of its owner, T. S. Cooper, Coopersburg, Pa., at the venerable age of nineteen years.

A correspondent of the *American Creamery* says that in his experience of more than a hundred conventions, he is ready to concede that only in exceptional cases are they doing the educational work they ought to.

It sounds progressive that the French are experimenting with an electric plow that runs on a trolley. But we venture the opinion that it will be some time yet before the uneven and limited fields of New England will have their furrows turned by electric power. At any rate the experiment stations need not hurry with illustrations of the work.

Mr. W. C. Whitman, one of the good farmers of Turner, grew several acres of crimson clover last season, and now has it stored in his barn for fodder. This kind of clover is an annual and Mr. Whitman made no attempt to continue the clover another year. The yield in this case was not such as to give the crop much value and it was harvested five days.

The attention that soil culture is receiving in the West has determined the Burlington Railroad Co. to establish a number of experimental stations, or "model farms," in Kansas and Nebraska, in order to demonstrate the advantage of the most improved methods of soil culture and to lead the farmers of Nebraska and Kansas to new efforts in this direction and enable them to become independent, even in so-called "drought sections" and "dry years." Incidentally the company expects returns from its investments in increased and regular crops, necessitating heavy freight and passenger traffic.

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THE AGRICULTURAL PORTFOLIO.

The agricultural people of the country seem to be the earliest in the field with the proffer of assistance to President-elect McKinley in making up his Cabinet. The Patrons of Husbandry the country over have endorsed their leader, Col. J. H. Brigham of Ohio, for the place.

The subject of better roads to travel will probably never down with the bidding. Without doubt the matter will come before the legislature again this winter at its session now just opening.

No more important subject can come before that body. It is one in which all the people are involved. Thus far the agitation of the subject of improved roads, and movements for legislation to end, have been led by the League of American Wheelmen. This is a measure unfortunate. While no one cares who it is that is laboring to bring about a reform in the condition of highways, yet the success of such a movement is dependent on the method of approach of the attacking party. No far reaching reform like this was ever reached by magnificent leaps over intervening obstacles along the way.

The wheelmen are few in number compared with the great public in whose hands the condition of the roads must ever rest, and who are to meet the added cost of whatever increase of expenses may be brought about. Yet the wheelmen approach this great subject from their own point of view. Here is their error. The base of work from which they start out is the *ideal road*. They are thus beginning at the top to build their structure. Their discussions, literature, lectures, and legislation, accomplished and proposed, have been to that aid in the matter.

legislation to such an end may as well be dropped before it begins, since it can only result in further burdening tax payers without reaching the object in view. All this talk of the pleasure and advantage of broken stone roads therefore is a waste of breath, in so far as country roads in this State are concerned.

The State Master Bachelel on PUBLIC EXPENDITURE.

Patrons in Maine will like to know what the order in the neighboring State of New Hampshire are thinking about. From the excellent address of their State Master we take the following extracts:

"The action of legislation in which the farmers of New Hampshire are concerned are numerous, and it will not be necessary to enumerate them. There is one suggestion, however, that should receive the unanimous endorsement of this body and unanimous support in our legislature soon to assemble, and that is economy in public expenditures. All classes of people will find it necessary to practice economy and to economize in every way possible. This will aid in the promotion of the money available for the State treasury, should the same be subject to the same law as the people's money in their pockets. If the farmers do not ask and vote for extravagant appropriations they cannot be made."

There is just one successful way of approaching the work of improved roads. Learned dissertations on Telford and MacAdam will not do it; oratorical efforts in legislative halls will not accomplish it, nor will scientific State Commissioners on high salaries reach the object desired. Beginning with the roads we have, the first step to any advances is to just as plainly and in every sense would be better. This effort at reform meets the approval of every one having to talk, write, label or handle fruit or fruit trees.

SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT OF MILK FEVER.

A correspondent of *Hoard's Dairymen*, B. W. Gregory, Sullivan Co., N. Y., claims to have been successful in the treatment of milk fever with cows. For the benefit of our dairymen we give his formula as follows:

"The formula that was adopted, was to give $\frac{1}{2}$ pound salt-petre on first discovery of the fever (which is always known by drying of the udder, and the milk and excretion) and in two hours, twenty-five drops of aconite; and in two hours, if not relieved, (do not try to get the cow up but let her quiet until she gets up herself) repeat with $\frac{1}{2}$ pound of salt-petre and then in two hours with twenty drops of aconite. Alternate the above $\frac{1}{2}$ pound salt-petre and 20 drops of aconite every hour."

There is little doubt of the truth of the statement that farm property is on the assessors' books at a too high rate of appraisal in proportion to the rate on city and village property. This would make no particular difference in the assessment for local expenditures, but in the assessment of the State tax, it is important to have the assessment to property to the value of the people's money in the same proportion as the people's money in their pockets.

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Woman's Department.

LETTERS.

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KENNEBEC COUNTY NEWS.
—Jesse Gilman, an old and respected citizen of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, aged 81 years, 3 months.

—Mrs. Phoebe S. Ellis of Sidney reached the hundredth year of her life on Sunday. She is in excellent health.

—Mrs. Paul Marshall, wife of a prominent citizen, was found dead in bed Wednesday morning. Her death was probably due to heart disease.

—Mrs. Louis, the wife of the late Capt. John H. Drew of Farmington, died at Sharon, Mass., Friday, at the age of 61 years. The remains were brought home for interment.

—Ernest Blanchard, employed at the pulp mill in South Gardiner, while at work, fell, and in some way was hit on the face by a bullet of pulp, nearly tearing his nose from his face.

—A terrible tragedy occurred in the quiet town of Lanesboro on Monday night. Mrs. John C. Webber was shot by her husband, and will probably remain Webber went to the chamber and killed himself by putting a bullet through his brain. They had had trouble and lived apart for some time. They have three children, who saw a portion of the fearful tragedy.

—There was a very pretty home wedding in Belgrade, Saturday evening, when Mr. L. G. Minot and Miss Elvira Farnham were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Farnham. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Minot. The contracting parties represent two of the leading families in town, and are among the most popular of Belgrade's young people. They will reside in Belgrade.

—Johnnie and Archie Goodwin, sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Goodwin, while skating on the stream near the New Mills bridge, Gardner, Friday afternoon, and Mrs. W. P. Baxter, a girl of 16, Mr. and Mrs. Baxter, who happened to be passing, went to the rescue and succeeded in pulling out Archie, the youngest boy, but the other went under the ice and was drowned. His body was found Johnnie was 14 years of age, and an exceedingly amiable lad.

—Calvin A. Yenton, formerly of Belgrade, was an officer in a mill at Lawrence, Mass. The other day a man came in to sell a small object, and ordered him out. An argument ensued, during which the man threw Yenton down, and so injured him that he died. The remains were brought to Mt. Vernon, where the funeral was held Sunday at the house of Wm. Dudley. The interment was in Belgrade. The deceased was 62 years of age.

—There was a serious accident near the upper College avenue crossing, Waterville, Friday. A team containing two horses and a teamster, and his wife and another lady, was driven across the track just after a shifting engine had passed. The horse became frightened, and in turning a corner the carriage struck a post and the occupants fell out. Mrs. Piper was the one to receive the greatest injury, as she sustained a fracture of three ribs. The two other people were bruised, but escaped broken bones.

—Dea. Albion E. Wing, one of Gardner's most respected citizens, died at his home on Church hill, Wednesday night, aged 74 years. He had been in feeble health for a number of years. He was a skilful mechanic, and formerly engaged in the manufacture of carriages and sleighs. When the Oakland Manufacturing Co. was formed he was one of the stockholders, and in the position of Treasurer for about 15 years. His health compelled him to retire from business life, but remaining in the directory, and was also for many years a director in the Oakland National Bank, holding these positions at the time of his death. Mr. Wing was a man of the strictest integrity and honor, a leading member of the Baptist church.

—After a full hearing, the Kennebec County Court has not yet made a decision on the petition from the Maine Water Co. to adjust the damages on a water power taken by the Maine Water Co. on Messalonskee stream, at Crummett's mill, so called, at Waterville. The privilege is wanted for a pumping station, which the company maintains is necessary, in addition to the power hitherto available to supply the manufacturing system. The estimate of the damages which the petitioners shall pay to Sarah H. Furbish for the taking of the first parcel of land described in the petition, at \$7500, without costs. They estimate the damages which the petitioners shall pay to Sarah H. Furbish and Willard B. Arnold for the taking of the second parcel of land described in said petition, at \$250, without costs. The court will, in the opinion of their respective witnesses, and the petitioners will pay the other costs of court.

—The amount of game killed.

—The season for big game closed at midnight, Thursday, and the records show that the number of deer, moose and caribou killed in 1897 is the greatest ever known.

—The record kept by George M. Houghton, general passenger and ticket agent of the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad, shows that from Oct. 1 to Dec. 24, inclusive, there were shipped over the B. & A. 211 deer, 111 moose and 105 caribou. In the closing week of the year, Dec. 25-31, inclusive, it is estimated that there were shipments sufficient to bring the total up to 2200 deer, 125 moose and 110 caribou. Here is a comparative statement of the shipments in three years:

Deer. Moose. Caribou.
1894.....1001 45 130
1895.....1681 112 130
1896.....2200 123 110

A large quantity of game has been killed on the line of the Maine Central east of Bangor.

—A large amount of game was brought to Bangor on Thursday's train, including several moose and caribou, and there is yet more to come, the results of the last few days' shooting. The total receipts of game at Bangor in December were 500 deer, 20 moose and 31 caribou.

For the greater part of this game passed through on its way West.

—Farmers' Institutes.

Secretary McKeen held two very successful institutes in Piscataquis county last week, as arranged by Prof. G. M. Gowell, who discussed general farm topics, and Dr. Twitchell who, at the request of the farmers, was assigned the poultry question. At both Monson and East Dover large and enthusiastic audiences greeted the speakers, and the best portion of the day, that given to questioning, was prolific in practical suggestions. "Why go West? Young Man?" was the subject for each evening for the lecture by Secretary McKeen. Such meetings are helpful to the every day worker, and it was for these that they were intended to be held.

—A special train of eleven cars, all loaded with potatoes, was sent from Aroostook to Boston, last week, by Mr. E. L. Cleveland, Jr., of Houlton.

Items of Maine News.

Merit

Made and Merit Maintains the confidence of the people in Hood's Sarsaparilla. If a medicine cures you when sick; if it makes wonderful cures everywhere, then beyond all question that medicine possesses merit.

It is said that the stockholders of the Howland Falls Pulp & Paper Co. will be assessed 20 per cent., and the business again staled.

George Simmons of Damariscotta was shot Monday afternoon. While setting lobster traps the boat capsized.

He was a resident of Muscongus Island, near Pond Pond, aged 32, and married.

At a meeting of citizens of Springvale, held the other evening, it was voted not to accept the proposition made by Shaw, Godding & Co. of Portland. This will put a quietus on any new shoe manufacturing scheme that for the present.

Dr. James Blodell of West Auburn, was in Auburn. Tuesday evening, making a call at the Kilbourn House, and was about to leave the house when he was suddenly prostrated, and one side is helpless.

A special election was held in Rockland, Friday, to ascertain if the voters would accept the bequest of the late Joseph Farwell, and it resulted in the affirmative. The bequest, of \$5,000, the interest to go to different parishes for charitable purposes.

Patents have been issued to Harry A. Edgecomb, Mechanic Falls, dental plunger or mallet; W. P. Godfrey, plating board for street cars; Joseph S. Street, dental matrix carrier and retainer; Charles W. Field, Rockland, nail set.

The annual report of the officers of the Revere School was submitted to the Governor and Council, Thursday, showing 191 boys in the institution, 34 having been committed during 1896. No deaths have occurred during the year.

Then Sebago's suspected murder case has developed into a case of assault with a dangerous weapon and Mark M. Batchelder's alleged assailant is held for the grand jury. The coroner's inquest, which began there, Friday, was concluded following by the arrest of Levi Kenison of North Sebago. The verdict of the coroner's jury is in effect that Batchelder, Saturday evening, while at the house of Walter S. Martin in North Sebago, was struck on the head several blows with a steel stake in the hands of Levi Kenison; that after recovering from the blow he was unable to drive home from Martin's house and was found Sunday morning, near the house of Casino M. White in a dying condition.

—Golden Wedding.

A poem presented at the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Wentworth of South Lebanon, by Mrs. Melvin Wentworth, and read by her daughter

Willa:

Willa, we are assembled
On this December day,
Outside is cold and dreary;
Inside is bright and gay.

The reason for our coming
Is to marry our ones;
For grandpa off he has us
That such a day might come.

So we don't suspect him,
That he and grandma, as people say,
Were wise.

Just fifty years to-day.

How it came about
The secret they are keeping,
But we are bound to listen
When older ones are speaking.

It happened on a time
That at grandpa's, a visit making,
While with a friend conversing.

He spoke of the old school house,
Of the scholars, some were dead,
And turning to grandma,
Said, "This was when the checkers were red."

I feared to ask a question
Because of being rude;
So was left to guess the rest
And grandpa off he was.

It is so much of such importance
That the people are asking,
To have confidence in it—that I know you
Will be more than willing to do.

The people should have an implicit re-
liance in this board of State assessors,
and should feel as much confidence in the
correctness and justness of their conclusions
as they do in the judiciary of our State,
and its standard of integrity should be
as high.

FINANCES.

The financial condition of our State, its
available resources, its estimated wants,
and its probable annual expenditure, is
a subject in which one and all of our people
have a deep interest and one to
which I would like to invite your careful
attention.

The credit of our State is now, and always
has been upon a very high plane.
Its three per cent. bonds always command
a premium. The large indebtedness, which
has been gradually reduced and paid off
until at the present time our bonded debt
is, in round numbers, \$2,300,000. For

several years past we have been extin-
guishing our debts and reducing our
indebtedness, and the public credit of our
State is rapidly improving.

It is sad to contemplate what vast
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sperity, wealth, and population. If the
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and lost, had been kept at home and used
fully in legitimate enterprises,
we should be in a much better position
than we are now.

Our people have learned, in the stern
school of experience, to their sorrow and
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of money that have been sent westward
to enrich and build up that section,
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Horse Department.

Resolve early to breed the good brood mares this year.

The speedy race horse, Lucky Strike, has gone into the hands of J. H. Berry, Rockland, who will campaign him the coming season.

Maine tracks were cursed last year by a number of ringers, and while these will not appear again others may, and a watchful eye often fails to detect, so carefully are the steps guarded.

Give us good sleighing and buyers will flock to Maine from every centre. As Mr. John Lyons said "If there are any good goods anywhere you will find them in Maine."

The Horseman, published in Chicago, is one of the reliable exchanges, the pages of which are always scanned with interest. Broad and comprehensive in its scope, it is also straightforward and reliable. In the rebuilding of the industry upon the plane of market demands, it occupies a leading position, and every breeder should have regular access to its columns.

The race tracks in Maine will this year feel the loss of a large number of trotters and pacers, and it may well be questioned whether the number of new comers will fill the ranks. Sales and death have removed many, where they will not be seen again in races. The evidence of a short crop will very soon be apparent, and smaller classes and fewer races to the order, until breeding increases.

The list of Maine bred horses for 1896, entering the 230 list, is not yet complete, but as tabulated contains a total of 58 performers, of which 23 are mares. The stallion having the largest number of performers to his credit is Dictator Chief, 2.214, by Dictator, four; Nelson, 2.00, coming next with three, and Messenger Wilkes, 2.23, by Red Wilkes, Dudley Buck by Winthrop Morrill, Chorist by Chimes, Daniel Boone by Hambletonian, 10, All So, 2.204, by Blackwood, Jr., and Pickering, 2.30, by Hambletonian 10, with two each. The list embraces 22 pacers.

The instant a colt ceases to grow it begins to lose, and it may well be questioned whether this loss is ever to be regained. If size is to be one of the chief essentials in the horse of to-morrow, then surely the farmer cannot afford to neglect the steps leading up to this end. These winter days are trying to the youngsters, and more of feed and protection will be called for when the thermometer ranges about zero than when forty above. No pampered conditions are to be thought of, but simply reasonable care and attention, looking always to steady growth. Not for a day can this be neglected.

The man who pays a long price for a highly bred stallion and then keeps him in condition for service is entitled to a fee proportionate to the value of the horse, but in these times all signs fail, and it is evident that owners must invite farmers by terms so low as to warrant acceptance. It is the only way out of the difficulty and, while not promising any income, it will lead to that later on by stimulating confidence and increasing the desire to breed. The owners of a brood mare must venture something. Now let the stallion owners meet them half way in the matter of fees. "Better a nimble sixpence than a dull shilling."

The year 1896 was a notable one for Maine horses, both on the tracks and in the show ring. Never has the record been equalled, and if the reserve stock in the State was sufficient to meet the demands a decided boom might be expected. To win the honors at the great horse shows is no small item for a State, and the possible advertising benefit cannot be imagined. The indications are that in April greater honors will come through the Boston Horse Show, but the decreasing number of colts maturing yearly on the farms will be a factor in the case this year as never before. Already the evil of letting go, when prices fall, begins to be seen, and, while recognized, the lesson should be heeded. Instead of spending time bewailing what might have been, the only thing to do is to get into line at once for what may be, and begin this early to make plans to breed and recover prestige and numbers as rapidly as possible. He who defers until 1898 loses one year before his colts mature. Breed, then, and when your fancy dictates, but what the market demands, and breed every sound mare capable of producing a foal worth maturing.

It seems the extreme of bad taste and assumption to urge proper care, abundance of bedding and blankets and comfortable stalls in these cold days, but somehow the evidence crops out continually that these simple, homely duties are neglected and the poor horses suffer. Not long ago a visit was made to the tie-up belonging to a farmer well known in public, where the cows were found with the snow drifted well up their sides, as it had blown in through the cracks and up from the open basement, through the broad spaces between the floor boards. In another stable the horses were found in open stalls without blankets, the barn full of cold, and at every corner and on every side.

Thankful must one be that these cases are growing more rare as humane ideas get fixed in men's minds, but until the last vestige of this form of cruelty disappears will call for the lesson to be enforced. Reforms in this, or any other directions come slowly, but constant agitation does awaken the public sense of justice until better methods are introduced. More warmth and comfort for the horses through well built stables, abundance of blankets and plenty of bedding.

A DISTINCTIVE feature of the Christmas Horse Review for 1896, just received from the publishers, the Horse Review Co., Chicago, is that each of the four

supplements is an exact likeness of one of the notable campaigners of 1896. The subjects are Kentucky Union 2.074, the fastest new 2.10 trotter; Ottinger 2.094, the year's champion trotter of the Pacific Coast; Page 2.094, the fastest new 2.30 trotter of the year, and Badge 2.074, the famous Minnesota pacer. The literary features are too numerous to mention, and the statistics cannot fail to interest every horseman. There is, in short, something on every page that is worth reading, and the number, viewed from any standpoint, is easily the greatest ever issued by a turf journal.

FRENCH COACHERS AT ELMWOOD FARM.

The above is the title given a lengthy article, by the managing editor of the *Breeder's Gazette*, in a late issue, a portion of which we transfer to our columns. The *Farmer* has, from the first, recognized the worth of this class of stock. Against severe criticism it has been defended in these columns. Local pride, as well as faith grounded on evidence, has dictated the policy. Other breeders and interests have not been neglected, but witnessing here the planting of an unique experiment, the course of events has been noted.

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Items of General News.

There is a prospect of Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher's recovery.

Maceo, the Cuban leader, is now said to be alive and recovering.

The debt statement issued at Washington shows a net decrease in the public debt, less cash in the treasury, during December, of \$2,830,777.48.

On Friday, Gov. Frank S. Black, a native of Maine, was inaugurated Governor of New York State. The ceremony was a simple and impressive one.

W. A. Hammond, Second Vice President of the National Bank of Illinois, at Chicago, who was openly accused of being a drunkard, drowned himself in the lake.

A fearful blizzard raged through the West and North, Saturday and Sunday. The streams and rivers ran over their banks, and cyclones prevailed in some places.

Jimmy Duffy of Boston, who was injured in a prize fight with George Justice at the Broadway Athletic Club in New York, Saturday night, died at St. Vincent's Hospital, New York, Monday.

Joseph B. McCullough, editor of the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat*, was killed by falling from a third story window of his residence, on the 16th. He was about 59, and was unmarried.

Carrie Young, aged watchman of a Lawrence (Mass.) mill, was on Thursday killed in a quarrel with Edward Matthews, who bears an unsavory reputation.

William Rankin Ward of Lyons Farms, N. H., died at his home in that suburb of Newark. Mr. Ward was one of the best known horticulturists in this country. He was 54 years old.

Gen. Francis A. Walker, President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, died in his home, 237 Beacon street, Boston, Tuesday morning. The end was very sudden, coming with hardly an instant's warning.

United States Senator George C. Perkins was unanimously re-nominated by a joint caucus of Republican members of the legislature of California, Tuesday evening. The nomination is equivalent to election.

The *Evening Star* and *Weekly Times*, Star of Dover, N. H., suspended publication, Thursday. Lack of local support is the reason given. The paper were offered to an Englishman, F. N. Chase of Somersworth. The company is solvent. The paper was the only democratic organ in Strafford county.

The State of Maine when it accepted the land grant from the general government, gave to the State a sum of money which we should faithfully discharge.

This college has a permanent endowment of \$100,000. It also receives annually a sum of \$10,000.

It also receives \$10,000 for the purpose of instruction and \$15,000 for investigation in agriculture and the like.

Its necessities in excess of these sums are provided for by the State. What further assistance should be granted, and for how long a period of time, shall extend, are questions to be settled by us, so as to promote as far as possible the interest of the college.

At the same time, not place too heavy a burden on the tax payers.

In preparing for the State's needs, and the financial condition of the treasury for the next two years are factors to be considered, but not to be given to this institution.

It is the duty of the State to provide for the institution.

The *NATIONAL GUARD*.

There are two infantry regiments of the *NATIONAL GUARD* composed of twenty-four companies, with the rank of major and lieutenants. Also an ambulance and sign corps, consisting of some 1400 officers, non-commissioned officers and privates. These troops are in full training.

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